

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): An aromatic dicarboxylic acid composition, essentially consisting of

- (a) at least one aromatic dicarboxylic acid,
- (b) 1-3000 ppm of at least one compound selected from the group consisting of 6-formyl-2-naphthoic acid, 6-methoxycarbonyl-2-naphthoic acid and trimellitic acid,
- (c) 1-1000 ppm of at least one alkali metal and
- (d) 0-3000 ppm of at least one transition metal;

wherein the alkali metal is selected from the group consisting of sodium and potassium;

wherein the composition is used for preparation of a liquid crystalline resin composition.

2. (original): The composition of claim 1, which comprises 1-3000 ppm of at least one transition metal.

3. (canceled).

4. (original): The composition of claim 2, wherein the transition metal is selected from the group consisting of cobalt and manganese.

5. (original): The composition of claim 1, wherein the alkali metal is present in the form of an alkali metal salt selected from the group consisting of sulfate, carbonate, bicarbonate, nitrate, carboxylate and haloid.

6. (original): The composition of claim 2, wherein the transition metal is present in the form of a transition metal salt selected from the group consisting of sulfate, carbonate, bicarbonate, nitrate, carboxylate and haloid.

7. (original): The composition of claim 5, wherein the mean volume particle size of the alkali metal salt is about 0.01-500  $\mu\text{m}$ .

8. (original): The composition of claim 6, wherein the mean volume particle size of the transition metal salt is about 0.01-500  $\mu\text{m}$ .

9. (original): The composition of claim 1, wherein the aromatic dicarboxylic acid is 2,6-naphthalene dicarboxylic acid.

10. (canceled).

11. (original): A liquid crystalline polyester resin comprising

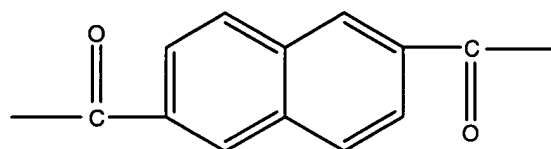
(a) at least one repeat unit derived from an aromatic dicarboxylic acid;

(b) at least one monomer unit derived from a compound selected from the group consisting of 6-formyl-2-naphthoic acid, 6-methoxycarbonyl-2-naphthoic acid and trimellitic acid in an amount of 0.1-100 mmol % based on the total monomer units constituting the polyester;

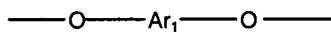
(c) 1-1000 ppm of at least one alkali metal.

12. (currently amended): The liquid crystalline polyester resin of claim 11, further comprising 1-300 ppm of at least one transition metal.

13. (currently amended): A liquid crystalline polyester resin of claim 11, comprising the repeat units of (I), (II) and at least one of (III) and (IV) as its principal repeat units[.];

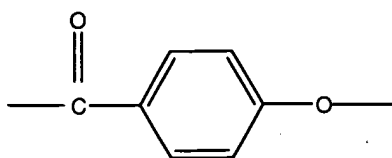


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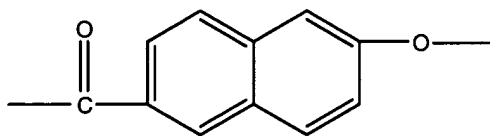


(II)

wherein  $Ar_1$  represents a ring moiety selected from the group consisting of benzene, naphthalene, biphenyl, biphenyl ether and biphenyl alkane wherein the alkane moiety has 1-4 carbon atoms and said ring moiety may be substituted by alkyl, alkoxy, or halogen atom[.];



(III)



(IV)

14. (new): The composition of claim 1, wherein the component (b) is 6-formyl-2-naphthoic acid.

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15. (new): The composition of claim 1, wherein the component (b) is 6-methoxycarbonyl-2-naphthoic acid.
16. (new): The liquid crystalline polyester resin of claim 11, wherein the component (b) is 6-formyl-2-naphthoic acid.
17. (new): The liquid crystalline polyester resin of claim 11, wherein the component (b) is 6-methoxycarbonyl-2-naphthoic acid.